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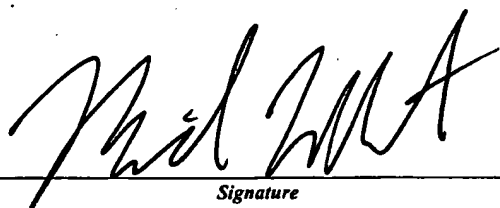
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	US 2002/0131752	9-19-02	Boudreau et al.			8-14-01
	2	US 2003/0123835	7-3-03	Moran			12-31-01

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	EP 1 271 208	1-2-03	Europe				✓

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	European Search Report dated January 12, 2004

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